

Brooklyn City Council
March 11, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Andy Celcherts, Kathy Pucci, Mary Albier, Kevin Tanski, Barb Paulitzky, Ron Van Kirk, Meg Ryan Shockey. ABSENT: None

Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed at the request of Councilman Celcherts.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Celcherts, second by Ryan Shockey to approve the minutes of February 25, 2019. **VOTE:** To approve: Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Albier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Ryan Shockey. Abstain: Van Kirk (absent last mtg.) No: None. **(APPROVED)**

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Gallagher presented a Proclamation to the Brooklyn Co-Ed Varsity Hockey Team for their third consecutive league championship with the Greater Cleveland High School Hockey League Blue South Division.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Earl Bloam of 4720 Forest Edge Dr. and 53 year citizen, commented on the great Willy Wonka production by Brooklyn High School students. He spoke at length about the upcoming levy in relation to education, including sports, drama, and other extra-curricular and educational activities, which are always in danger of cuts during financial crisis and balancing of budgets. He said Brooklyn is facing this now. He explained the current levy and stressed the need for supporting it on May 7th, or risk losing teachers, staff, programs. More information is at www.brooklynchoollevy.org.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS:

Finance Committee (Councilman Van Kirk): The Committee met at 6:30 and recommended the following approvals: Ord. 2019-3, Amends Sect. 151.03 of Ch. 151 of Codified Ords. relating to the Community Improvement Corp. (a housekeeping item); 2019-8, Authorizes the Mayor enter into a Service Agreement with Bailey Communications who provides IT services for \$53,040 (2.7% increase over last year); 2019-11 (request for suspension/adoption), Authorizes an amendment to Community Cost-Sharing agreement with NEORS for Roadway improvement project (increases amount by \$102,153 which will be reimbursed by our cost-sharing fees); 2019-12, Authorizes payment of \$130,530 to C.W. Courtney Co. for professional engineering fees for the site roadway extension at old AG property; 2019-13, for issuance and sale of notes not to exceed \$1.420M for Roadway Rd. and alley project done in 2017 (pays down 20% or \$284,000); 2019-13, Issuance and sale of notes not to exceed \$2.1M (road construction project at AG property, financed through TIF).

Recreation Board (Councilman Tanski): The next Rec Board mtg. is March 18th at 7 p.m. in the Rec Center mtg. room.

Legislative Update (Councilwoman Albier): Previously brought up HB62 regarding the transportation budget to include raising tax on gasoline per gallon (current is 28 cents/gallon). Gov. DeWine requests an increase of 18 cents, making it 62% raise and regular yearly adjustments for inflation. It didn't sit well with Legislature and the House. The House passed their version of 10.7% increase (seven cents beginning Oct. 1, 2019 and 3.7 cents beginning Oct. 1, 2020 with no provisions for raises for inflation). It now goes to the Ohio Senate, with possible changes there. She commented on other items in the policy (ODOT prohibited from closing rest stops; eliminate requirement of two license plates-only require for rear plates). Regardless of changes, the gasoline tax will be raised significantly.

Board of Zoning Appeals (Commissioner Kulcsar): The next Board meeting is March 21st at 6 p.m. in the City Hall conference room to hear requests from: L. Kincaid of 9203 Ansonia Ave. - for three-foot variance from minimum distance required between principal structure and swimming pool; and a four-foot variance from minimum distance required between side lot line and swimming pool.

Planning Commission (Councilman Van Kirk): The Commission met March 7th and approved requests (upon approval from engineer) from: Benderson Development Co., LLC for site plan approval for a 10,000 sq. ft. commercial shopping center at 7414 Brookpark (where Best Buy is, for up to three businesses); Eco-Site for a new cell tower at 3560 Ridge (northern Brooklyn border); Zeisler Morgan for a drive-thru facility and patio for Starbucks at 4752 Ridge (moving to different location). There will be a special mtg. March 14th to hear requests from: M.Love from Gateway Park, LLC for a conditional use in general industrial district for temporary outdoor storage at 0 Memphis Ave. The next regular mtg. will be April 4th at 6 p.m. in the City Hall conference room.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Andy Celcherts: Brooklyn PTA has a fundraiser at Chipotle March 19th from 5-9 p.m. (bring flyer, show on phone, or tell cashier- 33% proceeds go to the PTA). -April 6th from 7-10 is the 13th annual Taste of Brooklyn sponsored by Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce at LaVilla Banquet Center, 11500 Brookpark Rd. (\$20 presale, \$25 at door). -Congratulated the hockey team, a team that hadn't existed at the beginning of the school year; hats off to them.

Kathy Pucci: Congratulated the hockey team on their accomplishments. -Congratulated all involved in the Willy Wonka musical (including parent volunteers). Hope we can continue the school's tradition of excellence in the Arts. -The schools have an important levy on the ballot in May, which she supports. Encourages everyone to get information needed to make an informed decision. Contact a School Bd. member or the Superintendent. There will be an upcoming mtg. to explain to the community, and people going door to door. -Recognized Sam Miller, who passed away. His office and headquarters for Forest City was in Brooklyn for many years. He was a good friend to our community.

Mary Balbier: Congratulated the hockey team, and their dedicated parents. -Thanked Mr. Bloam for his dedication and all he mentions for the schools. She also supports the levy, and wants other children to have the opportunities her did. -Wished everyone a happy St. Paddy's Day (a big day in her business). The Brooklyn Acres will have a corned beef sandwich and dinner available in the afternoon.

Kevin Tanski: The Brooklyn Hurricane hockey team had another great season, taking the Blue South Division title for third straight year. Congratulated Coach Wrost, staff and team. Look forward to next season. -The Drama Club showed their talents with the Willy Wonka production. Congratulated all involved.

Barb Paulitzky: Congratulated the hockey team, and mostly the parents. -Thursday she (and many seniors) attended a breakfast pre-view of Willy Wonka, hosted by the PTA and volunteers. The lobby decorations were amazing and she hopes everyone saw them. The play was outstanding. -Brooklyn Pointe offers a monthly series, 'Soup for the Senior's Soul' (take homemade soup home); next one is March 19th at 3:30, open to the public, call for reservations at 216-230-5690. -The Laurel Garden Club is hosting an organic lawn care talk by Mel Hauser on natural ways to take care of your yard, on March 12th at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station; everyone is welcome, you don't have to be a member.

Meg Ryan Shockey: Welcomed her first year intern, Alana, to tonight's mtg. (she's on spring break); she's been assisting her various Council projects, and will be with her until she graduates in May from Cleveland State. -She and her husband thoroughly enjoyed Willy Wonka. Congratulated all involved with it.

Ron Van Kirk: Read a thank you card Council received from Mary Koplin, who was Citizen of the Year. -Thanked Mr. Bloam for always speaking well of Brooklyn. Echoed that it's up to everyone to do their own research and decide if they can afford to support our schools. Recommends everyone at least come out and vote on May 7th. -To touch on Councilwoman Balbier's talk on the gas tax, he had done research when it

was brought up. Learned Ohio is 29th in the country (at 28 cents), with Pennsylvania being number one (at almost 59 cents). He hopes it does not take effect.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Katie Gallagher: Reiterated about the fantastic performance of Willy Wonka (her daughter thanked her for taking her and was in awe of the characters in the lobby). They always do a great job. –Announced that in partnership with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Baba's Yard (a 501(c)3), and the City of Brooklyn, there will be free fruits and vegetables to lower income residents the last Tuesday of each month starting at 4 p.m. It will run from March 26th (the first one) thru November. Information will be in the upcoming newsletter and on Facebook. She reviewed some household income parameters. The city is happy to offer this. –Thanked the Terraces for hosting her for a neighborhood meeting two weeks ago; she has one more on March 27th at 6 p.m. at the Library (it was supposed to be at the Acres, but was cancelled). Anyone is welcome to come.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

Finance Dir. Raguz: Thanked the Council for reviewing the new financial transparency site that will be launching. They're going through adjustments based off communications from City Council, senior staff, and the Finance team. It's expected to be out by the end of the month.

Fire Chief Paul: Daylight Savings Time began this weekend; reminded everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors, and test them. If a resident needs a smoke detector the city will provide up to two of them, just stop at the Fire Dept. with your ID. If you're unable to change your batteries or to install a new detector, call the Fire Dept. at 216-635-4288 and they will assist.

Councilwoman Pucci asked where the fruits and vegetables will be and what they need to qualify. Mayor Gallagher said behind City Hall and they need their ID.

Councilwoman Pucci said she sees the County is going to CodeRED for the Ready Notify. Encourages all residents to go to the County's website, www.readynotify.us and sign up (as many phone numbers and emails you want to add). The more people who sign up would make it easier to communicate other information to our residents besides an emergency, as other cities are doing.

LEGISLATION:

Ord. #2019-3, Amending Sect. 151.03 of Chapter 151 of the Codified Ordinances of Brooklyn, Ohio entitled 'Brooklyn Community Improvement Corporation, and approving the formation of the Brooklyn Community Improvement Corporation'. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to adopt. **VOTE:** *To adopt:* Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

Ord. #2019-7, Establishing Ch. 746 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn to create housing protections for victims of domestic violence and affected landlords. **MOTION** by Ryan Shockey, second by Van Kirk to send this to the Safety Committee. **VOTE:** *To send to Safety Committee:* Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(SENT TO SAFETY COMMITTEE)**

Ord #2019-8, Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Service Agreement Renewal with Bailey Communications, Inc. to provide Technology Department Management for the City of Brooklyn. **MOTION** by Celcherts, second by Ryan Shockey to adopt. **VOTE:** *To adopt:* Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

Ord. #2019-9, Amending Sect. 351.03 "Prohibiting Standing or Parking Spaces" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn. **(SECOND READING)**

Ord. #2019-11 (request suspension/adoption), Authorizing an amended Community Cost-Sharing Agreement with NEORSD for the Radoan Rd. Improvement Project. This increases the amount not to exceed \$200,000; it increases it by \$102,153. **MOTION** by Celcherts, second by Ryan Shockey to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE:** *To suspend the rules:* Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. *To adopt:* Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

Ord. #2019-12, Authorizing the payment of \$130,530 to the CW Courtney Co. for professional engineering fees relating to the Former AG Site Roadway Extension South Project. **(FIRST READING)**

Ord. #2019-13, Providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed amount of \$1,420,000 of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, to pay costs of reconstructing Radoan Road and Radoan Alley, and declaring an emergency. He read the Fiscal Officer's Certificate. **(FIRST READING)**

Ord. #2019-14, Providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$2,100,000 of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, to pay costs of extending American Road by constructing, grading, draining, paving, constructing curbs, gutters and driveway aprons, installing storm sewers and making other improvements as designated in the plans approved or to be approved by Council. He read the Fiscal Officer's Certificate. **(FIRST READING)**

Mayor Gallagher said she looked up more information on Baba's Yard (produce giveaway), and found the way they establish their poverty line is they show their ID and sign their name, so they're signing off that their poverty level is below 200%. For any questions, reach out to John Visnauskas, who does Baba's Yard in Brooklyn and Parma, at 216-744-6033 or babasyard@gmail.com.

MOTION by Van Kirk, second by Pucci to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing purchase of public property, with the Council, Mayor, Finance Dir., and Law Dir. After executive session is over the Council will come back just to adjourn its meeting, with no further business to take place. **VOTE:** *To adjourn to executive session:* Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

Council reconvened.

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Tanski, second by Celcherts to adjourn. **VOTE:** *To adjourn:* Yes: Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier, Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey. No: None. **(ADJOURNED)**

Mary-Jo Banish, Clerk of Council
Minutes approved: 3.25.19

Ron Van Kirk, Council President